Remote sensing survey by ONGC

2964. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC has recently tried out a novel remote sensing survey over parts of the Krishna, Godavari, Cauvery and Andaman basin;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the said novel method tried out by ONGC recently;

(c) how much achievement has been gained by this new method; and

(d) by when the novel method will be adopted in other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The method involves imaging in the microwave region of the electromagnetic spectrum, through use of airborne Synthetic Apenture Radar (SAR).

(c) High resolution cloud and-vegetation free terrain images of logistically difficult areas were obtained for detailed geological interpretation. The data acquired is at the preprocessing stage.

(d) Further adoption of this technique in other parts of the country will be determined after interpretation of data already acquired over Cauvery and Andaman basins and assessment of the efficacy thereof.

Proposals submitted by Andhra Pradesh Industrial development Corporation

2965. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation submitted some proposals for the grant of industrial licence to set up a Naphtha Cracker and Down stream Units at Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether the same have been sanctioned; and

(c) if not, sanctioned, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Decision on such proposals is taken in due-course based on techno-economic consideration. Details of such proposals are not disclosed before a final decison is taken.

Manufacturing of Maruti parts

2966. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been number of complaints about the various parts being manufactured and used in Maruti 800-CC cars during the last one year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that parts like doors, point condessors are said to be sub-standard;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the quality of these parts; and

(d) what are the namess of parts being manufactured in India with the names of companies manufacturing them and what are the details of parts being imported into the country so far?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Maruti cars have been well received in the market. In the case of a few parts, some complaints were received. These have been looked into and corrective action has been taken by Maruti Udyog Ltd.

(b) No Sir.